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WASHINGTON, June 7, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 2, which included the Memorial Day holiday, totaled 319,816, up 0.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 but 8.2 percent below the preceding non-holiday week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 0.8 percent in the West but down 0.5 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 3,231 cars (2.7 percent). Loadings of metallic ores were down 3,797 cars (15.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 22 weeks of 1990 totaled 7,459,499, up 0.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 101,286 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 2, up 1.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of 1990 was 2,551,535 trailers and/or containers, 3.3 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 2 totaled 18.7 billion, up 3.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 22 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 433.9 billion ton-miles, up 1.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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# WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
## FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 2, 1990

**CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP**

| COMMODITY | WEEK ENDING JUNE 2, 1990 | COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989 | CHANGE | COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grain | 22,161 | 24,254 | -8.6 % | 26,732 | -17.1 % |
| Farm Products, Ex. Grain | 1,916 | 1,948 | -1.6 | 1,878 | 2.0 |
| Metallic Ores | 20,120 | 23,917 | -15.9 | 20,152 | -.2 |
| Coal | 121,423 | 118,192 | 2.7 | 129,174 | -6.0 |
| Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel | 15,551 | 14,865 | 4.6 | 17,319 | -10.2 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 10,050 | 9,105 | 10.4 | 11,240 | -10.6 |
| Grain Mill Products | 9,456 | 8,499 | 11.3 | 10,271 | -7.9 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 7,625 | 7,821 | -2.5 | 8,745 | -12.8 |
| Primary Forest Products | 8,650 | 9,148 | -5.4 | 9,688 | -10.7 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 6,127 | 6,502 | -5.8 | 6,671 | -8.2 |
| Pulp, Paper & Allied Products | 10,952 | 11,242 | -2.6 | 10,755 | 1.8 |
| Chemicals | 25,550 | 23,970 | 6.6 | 27,946 | -8.6 |
| Petroleum Products | 4,480 | 4,752 | -5.7 | 5,297 | -15.4 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 8,830 | 9,758 | -9.5 | 10,534 | -16.2 |
| Coke | 5,391 | 5,590 | -3.6 | 5,723 | -5.8 |
| Metals & Products | 10,666 | 9,206 | 15.9 | 10,031 | 6.3 |
| Motor Vehicles & Equipment | 17,166 | 16,713 | 2.7 | 20,001 | -14.2 |
| Waste & Scrap Materials | 7,667 | 7,576 | 1.2 | 9,115 | -15.9 |
| All Other Carloads | 6,035 | 6,434 | -6.2 | 7,260 | -16.9 |
| **Total** | **319,816** | **319,492** | **.1 %** | **348,532** | **-8.2 %** |

**SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES**

| TRAFFIC | WEEK ENDING JUNE 2, 1990 1990 | 1989 | CHANGE | CUMULATIVE: 22 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 2, 1990 1990 | 1989 | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Carloads Originated** | **319,816** | **319,492** | **.1 %** | **7,459,499** | **7,446,218** | **.2 %** |
| **Intermodal Traffic Originated** | | | | | | |
| Trailers | 50,627 | 58,845 | -14.0 | 1,438,017 | 1,444,473 | -.4 |
| Containers | 50,659 | 41,359 | 22.5 | 1,113,518 | 1,026,721 | 8.5 |
| **Total** | **101,286** | **100,204** | **1.1** | **2,551,535** | **2,471,194** | **3.3** |
| **Estimated Ton-Miles** | | | | | | |
| **Class I Railroads (Billions)** | **18.7** | **18.1** | **3.3 %** | **433.9** | **427.8** | **1.4 %** |

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